

Claims

1 1. A pharmaceutical delivery vehicle, said delivery vehicle  
2 comprising:

3 a drug particle disposed within a diffusional boundary layer comprising a  
4 matrix and a solubilizing agent;

5 said matrix and said solubilizing agent forming the diffusional boundary  
6 layer, wherein said solubilizing agent is capable of substantially solubilizing said  
7 drug particle.

1 2. A delivery vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said solubilizing  
2 agent comprises a surfactant.

1 3. A delivery vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said solubilizing  
2 agent comprises an emulsion.

1 4. A delivery vehicle according to claim 3, wherein said emulsion  
2 comprises a microemulsion.

1 5. A delivery vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said solubilizing  
2 agent comprises lecithin.

1 6. A delivery vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said matrix  
2 comprises a polymer.

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1           7.     A delivery vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said matrix  
2 comprises a film.

1           8.     A delivery vehicle according to claim 6, wherein said polymer  
2 comprises a carbohydrate.

1           9.     A delivery vehicle according to claim 8, wherein said carbohydrate  
2 comprises gelatin.

1           10.    A delivery vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said boundary  
2 layer comprises said matrix embedded with said solubilizing agent.

1           11.    A delivery vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said boundary  
2 layer substantially encloses said drug particle and said solubilizing agent.

1           12.    A pharmaceutical delivery vehicle, said delivery vehicle  
2 comprising:

3               a drug particle disposed within a diffusional boundary layer having volume  
4 sufficient to substantially solubilize said drug particle.

1           13.    A delivery vehicle according to claim 12, wherein said diffusional  
2 boundary layer comprises a matrix.

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- 1 14. A delivery vehicle according to claim 12, wherein said matrix  
2 includes a solubilizing agent disposed therein.

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